GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MISSING OF SECRET FILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a secret file containing decision to ban middleman in defence deals is missing;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been held in regard thereto;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to probe/investigate the collusion of arms dealers with officials in the missing of the file;

(e) whether some cases have come to the notice of the Government where earlier declared sensitive departments have been turned into non-sensitive ones; and

(f) if so, the circumstances leading to such a somersault and to bring to book the officials behind that?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): During the course of investigation into defence procurements, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has asked for the file leading to issue of instructions by the Ministry of Defence dated 17.4.1989 regarding ban on involvement of agents in the purchase of the weapons and weapon systems. This file could not be readily located. Howeverafter special efforts, the two relevant files were located and forwarded to the CVC on 21.7.2000.

(e) & (f): The Ministry of Defence has not taken a decision to declare its sensitive departments as non sensitive.